

# RHS Guide to Vegetables for Exhibition

Whilst the majority of vegetable varieties available, if grown well and properly presented, would be a valuable addition to the many shows staged across the country. There are varieties and cultivars, which due to their attributes, are regularly seen on the show bench and do particularly well in competition.

To assist those new to growing for showing, the following are amongst the most reliable and successful currently available.

This is not an exhaustive list of all vegetables but seeks to example those most regularly listed in show schedules and seen on the show bench.

In addition to their show qualities, **highlighted** varieties have the added benefit of carrying the Award of Garden Merit, given in recognition of their performance in field trials carried out by the RHS.

**Most are available through commercial seed houses, whilst some will have to be sourced from specialist seed suppliers and breeders accessed through the horticultural press and/or the internet.**

<b>Aubergine</b>	<b>Bonica</b> , Black Beauty, Moneymaker and Scorpio
<b>Beans, broad</b>	Bunyards Exhibition, <b>Giant Exhibition Longpod</b> and <b>Imperial Green Longpod</b>
<b>Beans, climbing French</b>	<b>Algarve</b> , <b>Cobra</b> and Fasold
<b>Beans, dwarf French</b>	Hawkesbury Wonder, The Prince and Safari
<b>Beans, runner</b>	Benchmaster, <b>Enorma Elite</b> , <b>Liberty</b> and Stenner
<b>Beetroot, globe</b>	Cardeal, <b>Pablo</b> and <b>Red Ace</b>
<b>Beetroot, long</b>	Long Black and Regar
<b>Brussels Sprouts</b>	Bright, <b>Crispus</b> , Churchill and <b>Maximus</b>
<b>Cabbage</b>	Brigadier, Kilaton <b>Rodeo</b> , Rovite and <b>Stonehead</b>
<b>Carrots, long</b>	New Red Intermediate and St. Valery
<b>Carrots, stump rooted</b>	Nandor, Norwich, Speedo and <b>Sweet Candle</b>
<b>Cauliflower</b>	<b>Boris</b> , Mayflower, <b>Raleigh</b> and <b>Skywalker</b>
<b>Celery</b>	Discovery, Evening Star and Ideal
<b>Courgettes</b>	Ambassador, <b>Defender</b> and <b>Venus</b>
<b>Cucumbers</b>	<b>Carmen</b> and Kouper (under protection), <b>Marketmore</b> (outdoor) and <b>Socrates</b> (mini)

<b>Garlic</b>	<b>Solent Wight</b> and Giant Elephant
<b>Leeks, blanch</b>	Pendle Improved and Welsh Seedling
<b>Leeks, pot</b>	The Cumbrian and Yorkshire Green or Blue
<b>Lettuce</b>	Diana, Matilda, <b>Rosedale</b> and <b>Lobjoits</b> (cos)
<b>Marrow</b>	<b>Badger Cross</b> , Blyton Belle and Bush Baby
<b>Onions, exhibition</b>	Kelsae and Showmaster
<b>Onions, 250g &amp; under</b>	Hytec, Marco, <b>Red Baron</b> , Tasco, Toughball and Vento
<b>Parsnips</b>	<b>Gladiator</b> , Panorama, Palace, Victor and Viking
<b>Peas</b>	Alderman, <b>Hurst Greenshaft</b> and <b>Show Perfection</b>
<b>Peppers, chilli</b>	<b>Apache</b> , Jalapeno, Joe's Long, Scotch Bonnet and Tangerine Dream
<b>Peppers, sweet</b>	Ariane, <b>Diablo</b> , Lany and New Ace
<b>Potatoes, coloured</b>	Kestrel, Amour, <b>Maxine</b> , Bonnie, Blue Belle & Purple Eyed Seedling
<b>Potatoes, white</b>	<b>Winston</b> , <b>Nadine</b> , Sherine and <b>Harmony</b>
<b>Radish</b> Spanish (winter)	Bacchus, <b>Celesta</b> , Robin, Solito, <b>Sparkler</b> and Round Black
<b>Rhubarb</b>	Livingstone, <b>Raspberry Red</b> , Stockbridge Arrow and Victoria
<b>Shallots, exhibition</b>	Ambition, Aristocrat, Hative de Niort and Jermor
<b>Shallots, pickling</b>	Hative de Niort and Aristocrat
<b>Swede</b>	Helenor, Tweed & Marian
<b>Sweet Corn</b>	<b>Swift</b> , <b>Lark</b> and <b>Ovation</b>
<b>Tomatoes, medium</b>	Cappricia, Zenith, <b>Shirley</b> and <b>Mecano</b>
<b>Tomatoes, small fruited</b>	<b>Sungold</b> and <b>Sakura Red</b> (cherry), <b>Apero</b> (plum) and <b>Sweet Million</b> (mini)
<b>Tomatoes, beefsteak</b>	Country Taste, <b>Gigantomo</b> and <b>Marmande</b>
<b>Turnip</b>	Golden Ball, Sweet Bell and <b>Tokyo Cross</b>

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